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Application Number: 10/768,146)
Filed: February 2, 2004)
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METHOD FOR DISK ARRAY DEVICE)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This is in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, the period for response to which expires on March 13, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: